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as we worship together,

— as we face the world together,

— as we study the Bible together,

— as we serve Thy church together.

— as we live together,

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Golgotha Lutheran congregation has announced that its new church will be dedicated Sunday Sept. 7.

Our new missionary to Japan, Miss Marlene Paulsen, will, God willing, be commissioned Sunday Aug. the 24th at 8:45 a.m. in her home church, First Lutheran of Blair, Nebraska. Dr. Paul C. Nyholm, chairman of the Japan Committee, will preach. The service will be followed by a fellowship hour. Greetings will be brought by Miss Marlene Paulsen, Missionary Paul C. Johnsen, Pastor Harold C. Jorgensen and most likely also by Pastor N. B. Hansen, chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions, who is expected to administer the commissioning. Visitors are cordially invited.

West Canada District held its annual convention at Standard, Alberta, Canada, July 31-August 3. Pastor A. N. Morck of Tilley, Alberta, was re-elected president of the district. Your editor was guest speaker at this convention, and we shall write a report of the event later.

Pastor Ole P. Larsen of Dickson, Alberta, has accepted a call to succeed Pastor Theo. M. Hansen, Dane Valley, Montana.

Canada and Lutheran World Service. It is not only Lutherans in the United States that work through Lutheran World Action. The Lutherans in Canada are also very active. We are so used to hear about the work of the churches in the U. S. A. Here is an item about the work in Canada:

The month of April showed an all-time record in the amount of material relief shipped in any one month by Canadian Lutheran World Relief. During the month CLWR sent 2,080,000 lbs. of goods valued at more than \$386,000.00.

Reverend Clifton L. Monk, Executive Secretary, said that there were two shipments during the month. One was a shipment of 2,040,000 lbs. of dry skim milk forwarded to the Inner Mission and Hilfswerk in Germany. This contribution was made possible by the release of 30,000,000 lbs. of dry skim milk by the Canadian Government to International Relief Agencies.

The second shipment, said Mr. Monk, consisted of used clothing and new cloth. It is now on the high seas

destined for the Middle East and distribution among Arab Refugees there. This shipment, weighing 40,000 lbs. included 13,298 yards of excellent broadcloth contributed by a Canadian Textile firm and valued at \$7,477. This donation was made following request which the LWF Department of World Service addressed to Material Aid Agencies. CLWR was the organization to answer with a contribution. The new cloth will be in connection with a Self-Support program of the Lutheran World Service among the Arab Refugees in Jordan.

It was also reported that there was an increased response to the Clothing appeal of Canadian Lutheran World Relief. For the past six months clothing receipts have been well above the amount received during a similar period for the preceding year. Congregations in certain areas have responded on a combined appeal and this has brought splendid results. In Vancouver and area, such an effort has resulted

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Editorials and Comments

LUTHERANS IN CANADA

The Lutherans in Canada are gaining momentum. For years they have been home mission fields supported by the Lutheran bodies in Canada, but they are making rapid progress toward becoming an independent Lutheran church.

We visited the office of the Canadian Lutheran Council in Winnipeg. We were impressed with the work done in this office. Dr. Earl J. Treusch, a native Canadian, is the Executive Director of the council. The Rev. Clifford L. Monk is Executive Secretary of Canadian Lutheran World Relief. He is also a Canadian. The Rev. Robert E. Erickson is assisting Dr. Treusch. Rev. Erickson heads the public relations department. He has held this office only a short time, but he was very enthusiastic about this work. This will mean that we shall have a much better news service from Canada.

Canada is drawing many new immigrants. This is of much concern to the Canadian Lutheran Council and the Lutheran churches in Canada. It is very difficult to draw these new immigrants into the churches. Many of these new people are Lutherans. As a matter of fact the Germans are the largest group and the Danes the second largest group. We shall write more about this problem when we report on the West Canada District.

There is a total of 1,042 organized Lutheran congregations in Canada with a total of 236,638 baptized members. These congregations are served by 498 pastors.

But the Lutherans in Canada are divided into many groups just as they are in the United States. The Canadian Lutheran Council is an agency of six Lutheran bodies with about 160,000 baptized members. The Missionary Synod has about 78,000 members.

The relative strength of the three merging groups is as follows: American Lutheran Church, 29,942 members; The Evangelical Lutheran Church, 22,511 members; the United Evangelical Lutheran, 3,098 members.

This means that the Canadians merging in the new church have a total membership of about 55,000. It is no doubt of value to them that they get work together. It should be pointed out that these 55,000 are nearly all in the four Western Provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

The United Lutheran Church has a total of 93,814 members. But only 27,372 are living in these four provinces. The 66,432 are living in Eastern Ontario and Nova Scotia (7,276). Augustana has 8,155 members in the Western Provinces.

The cooperation among these churches is growing. Now the merging groups plus the U.L.C.A. of West Canada and Augustana will cooperate in a joint seminary at Saskatoon, Sask. It is important that this seminary trains native Canadians for the ministry. It is

also important that these young men are trained at the same place. This will advance the mutual understanding among the pastors and therefore Lutheran unity.

The big problem at present is the number of immigrants coming to Canada. How can they win the German and Danish Lutheran immigrants for the church. The churches in the United States are hardly able to grasp the situation. The new immigrants do not settle in settlements as they did in the United States 50-100 years ago. This made it possible to establish foreign language churches that later could make a transition into English. The immigrants now have no chance to establish larger settlements. Furthermore, these new people go to the cities, to the industrial areas. And they move even more than people do in the United States. Therefore it is also impossible to establish strong foreign language churches in the cities. The Canadian Lutherans are wrestling with this problem. How can they keep in contact with the new people and win as many as possible?

These are just a few ideas that have come to us during the week we have been in Canada. We hope to give a full report of the convention as well as a number of other observations in the first issue in September.

PRAYER FOR OUR COLLEGES

The following prayer written by Paul Moeller we reprint from The Gospel Messenger:

Father, we thank thee for our church colleges. We thank thee for the men and women who have given so much of their lives and of their means to build them. We thank thee for the splendid services they render thee in developing our young people for thy service in so many walks of life.

We pray thee to bless all of our colleges, and especially the one in our own region. Give them all things necessary for their proper support, growth, and development in service of our youth.

Do thou enlighten and guide the college trustees in their choice and support of school officers, and in policies and measures for the conduct and development of the school.

Guide the president and official board in securing teachers of high character and ability for the college. Help them to maintain harmony and co-operation in the teaching and working forces of the school.

Inspire the teachers to faithful, unselfish service to all students in and out of the classrooms.

Bless the students with keen interest in their development and with ambition to render service to thee and to the world. Bless them in relation to one another, that there may always be peace and goodwill in the student body.

Inspire parents with strong desire for the highest development of their children, and with willingness to make all necessary sacrifices for their education in our college.

Bless the public relations department in informing and in stirring people with interest in what the college is doing. Help them to show impressively what well-trained leaders mean to the church and the nation, and how well the college is training leaders. Support them in their efforts to increase college attendance and financial support for the school.

Stir the college alumni with gratitude to the college, with interest in its development, and with generosity in its support.

A Weekday Church School Program

Our Board of Parish Education and that of the ELC are going on record this year urging our congregations to consider the possibility of supplementing the congregation's educational program with a weekday church school program. In our two churches very few congregations have such schools except where there is released time for Christian education, which is found in some of our churches here and there. Our sister church, ALC, has had and has sponsored such schools over a period of years, and has developed some very fine materials, which can be very well used in our congregations for such schools.

Definition of such a school and its aim. A weekday church school is a school which meets for one hour or more on any weekday, Monday through Saturday, for the purpose of religious instruction. The purpose of such a school is to provide more time for religious instruction, to augment the instruction given in Sunday and vacation church schools, to prepare children more adequately for the pastor's catechetical class; to guide the children in acquiring more knowledge about the Bible and the Christian church, its teachings, history, worship and work, and to provide opportunities for Christian service through activities and service projects.

The time for such a school. This will depend on local situations. Sometimes it is a good idea to have the weekday classes meet at the same time as the pastor's catechetical class meets, which is usually on Saturday in the forenoon. In some localities Saturday afternoon may be a better time, or some day of the week after public school hours. This may fall on the day which is spoken of as church night in some localities.

GOD'S POWER

(A sample story from the activity sheet of one lesson in the Junior course, Missionary Heroes.)

One day long ago the Flierl family with a small group of fellow missionaries were gathered together in New Guinea. Suddenly they noticed that the house was surrounded by hostile natives. The missionaries expected to be killed. While they were waiting for the attack they sang hymns and prayed. Nothing happened. The next morning, all the natives were gone.

Years later a native who was preparing for baptism told Rev. Flierl this story. "Do you remember the time your house was all surrounded?" he asked. "We had planned to kill you."

"What happened?" asked Rev. Flierl.

"All at once we noticed the yard was full of many, many men. We knew we couldn't fight so many, so we left."

Do you know what the natives saw? Rev. Flierl did. Find II Kings 6:16, 17. Verse 17 will give you the answer.

In some localities it may be well to have such a school in various places because members of the church are scattered. This will require more leaders or teachers. But more teachers means more people put to work. For a given congregation to render Christian service through such a plan is used, the teachers should meet together at least once a month to plan and coordinate their work.

How to begin. A weekday church school should be initiated through the congregation's committee of Christian education, or possibly its Sunday school staff. The purpose or aim of such a school should be carefully studied and understood in relationship to the place it should fill in the congregation's effort in the Christian education of its children. After this has been studied and its needs realized, then the teachers should be carefully selected. It is most important to select capable teachers, because a new venture must be done in the best manner possible to be assured of success. Much must come the publicity of such a school. This can be done through the weekly church bulletin, or publicly by the pastor, by special letters to the homes from which the children will come, and possibly through a meeting of parents, teachers, chairman of the committee and the pastor. It would be well to plan the school so it could begin with the public school's beginning, or as there is promotion in the Sunday school, Oct. 1st.

Recommended materials. We are very happy that we may and can recommend the Weekday Church School materials prepared by the ALC Board of Parish Education. The materials recommended for this year, 1958 and 1959, are the courses entitled "Missionary Heroes" and "The Work of My Church." This last is now being revised that it may give information about our church, The American Lutheran Church. This will be ready for the second semester of school. Each course has 15 lessons to fit in with a semester of school.

The ALC board has prepared materials chiefly for the Junior age group, the group immediately before the catechetical class age. However there is also fine material to be had for nursery and kindergarten groups.

We would also like to recommend the fine series prepared by the ULC board for such school for the primary-kindergarten ages way up through the 12th grade. This material is most recommendable to be used in schools conducted cooperatively with other Protestant churches in a given locality,—such as released or missed types of weekday schools.

If there are any questions or problems in connection with such a program, your Board of Parish Education will be most happy to be of help. It has circulars (A) on hand explaining such a program, which it will be happy to send to any congregation requesting such

Soren S. Kaldahl, Chairman
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The Home and Parish Education

Pastor S. S. Kaldahl

The relationship between the two is so vital that the effectiveness of Christian education in the parish often succeed or fail depending on the home. The home is a most important factor in the Christian training and development of our children. This importance is clearly and forcefully stated in the great teaching command given to the children of Israel upon receiving the Ten Commandments—"Hear, O Israel: . . . these words which I command you this day . . . you shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house." (Deut. 6:4-7)

This all-important place of the home in Christian education is expressed in the theme for our 1958 Parish month emphasis (usually September),—COME INTO OUR HOME, LORD JESUS. As we study the titles of the tracts prepared to bring out this emphasis, we find that they deal definitely with the home as a most vital and important place in Christian education:

1. As We Worship Together
2. As We Study the Bible Together
3. As We Live Together
4. As We Face the World Together
5. As We Serve the Church Together.

This study, this living, and this serving togetherness expressed in this year's theme and tracts, if realized in every home of our church schools, will indeed become the most effective Christian training in the Home, and will greatly supplement the work done in our Sunday schools, Vacation Church Schools, Weekday Schools, Confirmation Instruction Schools, and other schools of the parish. Such a combination of efforts (home and parish education) will bring about the aim and goal of Christian education—the nurture of the Christian child implanted in our souls in Holy Baptism.

Because of the significance and the all-important role of the home in relation to parish education, let us use this year's theme as effectively as possible in pointing out the importance of Christian training in the home. Let every Sunday school use as effectively as possible the above named tracts as a means in helping homes realize their Christian responsibility. Every home of our churches should have copies of each of these tracts. Let their use be a missionary activity of our church schools as the Sunday school places them in the homes. If they are used as intended by the Boards of Parish Education of the National Lutheran Council, we are confident blessings will come to our homes, and in return blessings will come to our church school. So may this theme become a reality—"Come into our home, Lord Jesus."

Sunday School Classes in the Summer

Pastor A. V. Neve

The matter of Sunday school during the summer is discussed in a July issue of *The Ansgar Lutheran*. All are agreed that children need Christ during July and August as well as the other months of the year. But the Sunday school is not the only means by which Christ can be brought to the children.

The Sunday school is an important factor in the work of the church, but it is a sad aspect of the American Sunday school that a large percentage of the children enrolled in Sunday school never attend the regular church services. The Sunday school is not the children's church. Statistics show that a large pupil enrollment will not mean an increase in adult church attendance unless the children are taught to attend the regular church services.

In one of the churches of my parish ministry, there was no Sunday school during July and August. During that period the Sunday morning services were held at 8:30. To get their Sunday school credits the children had to attend the morning service. That arrangement was satisfactory, and it was a pleasure to see so many children attend the early morning services. It was my observation that people liked that arrangement with early Sunday morning services for the whole family.

After two months' vacation the Sunday school staff re-entered the work with enthusiasm. Christ is not left out of the picture by discontinuing Sunday school sessions during the summer months. It is just a change of time emphasis. The Church should not be opposed to change if the change is for the upbuilding of the body of Christ, His Church.

Recipe for a Happy Home

Take one enclosure, walled and roofed, large or small; add one man, one woman, and several small children of assorted sizes; surround by green grass, flowers and trees if possible, although this is not necessary; add furniture and a moderate amount of money; if desired, a spicing of dogs, cats and birds may be added; garnish with a large circle of friends and pour over the whole a generous measure of love and mutual understanding; invite as a permanent guest the Great Friend who will never desert you, in want or woe. This will give you something that can be served at all times, to everyone, and the supply, like the widow's meal, will never grow less.

—The Bond

THIS & THAT and HERE & THERE in Christian Parish Education

At the Church Workers' Institute at Dana College, July 6-11, our synod was represented by 11 full time registrations, three part time, and three on the teaching staff. The ALC was represented by 56 full time registrations and 4 part time, with eight on the staff. There was one more staff member, who represented the ELC. Those attending the institute came from Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Again it must be said this was a very fine institute, and we were very happy for the fine spirit of cooperation. Those serving on the staff from our synod were Miss Martha Wangberg of Council Bluffs, and Pastors James W. Olsen and Soren S. Kaldahl. Next year, the Iowa District of our three merging synods will have their own institute at Waverly. That means that the Dana Institute will be represented by the ALC Central District, our Nebraska District, and a half-dozen ELC churches in eastern Nebraska and in Oklahoma. The date has been tentatively set for the third week in July next Summer. Three synod-cooperative institutes are planned for other areas next year. They have already been set up for western Canada in the spring.

Revisions are now taking place in the ALC American Uniform Series and in the ELC Augsburg Closely Graded Series. The revisions in the American Uniform Series are scheduled to appear in the fall of 1959, or Oct. 1st, which will be the first year of the three year cycle of this series. The revisions of the ELC series will appear in some of their courses or books planned to be ready for use by Jan. 1, 1959. In making these revisions the plan is that these two series of Sunday school materials may serve our church schools until the new TALC Board of Parish Education will be able to realize a complete new Sunday school series—probably by 1965. Already this summer the curriculum design is being studied by the three boards with the approval of the Joint Union Committee.

Mrs. Aster E. Neve of Milltown, Wisconsin, was elected editor of *The Little Lutheran* by our synodical convention in June. Let us remember this is our church's feature paper for children of junior and intermediate ages in Sunday school. It is through this paper that our children will learn of our church and its work—especially missions. Our editor has promised to bring stories and information about

our various missions in the near future. It is hoped that every Sunday school of our synod will be using *The Little Lutheran* as its feature paper because it is the only paper that will bring information about our church and its work to our Sunday school children.

The Boards of Parish Education of our three merging bodies with the approval of the Joint Union Committee are conducting Confirmation Instruction Workshops this year and next, and possibly also a third year. These workshops are made up of a selected group of pastors with various years of experience in confirmation instruction. The workshops are being conducted in conjunction with the Church Workers' Institutes as conducted by our three boards. There were 25 pastors at the Dana workshop—five represented our church and 20 the ALC. Some of our pastors are attending the workshop at ELC institutes as was the case in Minnesota. The plan is to have 12 of our pastors attend these workshops. These same pastors are to serve again in next year's workshops and to do some work pertaining to the same during the year. Out of these workshops it is hoped that the boards may learn what are to be the aims and goals of such instruction in the church today, and what is needed in the way of materials to meet such aims and goals. It is hoped that such results will serve as a guide in the production of the confirmation instruction materials to be used in TALC. Reports from pastors attending these workshops express that they definitely feel they are serving a very good purpose and should result in something important in regard to this very important phase of Christian instruction, which is generally termed confirmation instruction.

As of January 1st, this year, the enrollment in our Sunday schools totalled nearly 20,000. There were 2,908 teachers.

In 1957, 10,410 pupils were enrolled in our Vacation schools.

There are 7 parish day schools in our synod, with a total of 191 students.

Last year about 1100 boys and girls were confirmed in the UELC. Perhaps a like number were in the pastors' first year confirmation classes.

The Board of Parish Education has recommended that the name of District Sunday school committees be changed to District Board of Parish Education. This district committee, or

board, does not only interest itself the work of the Sunday school, but all that should pertain to Christian education in the parish—which should be a very good reason for change of name. This also brings the name in conformity with the name used in sister merging churches.

Pastor Carl Schattauer of Council Bluffs represents the synodical Board of Parish Education in seeking to establish a closer liaison between us with the District Boards.

A Prayer for Children

Our Father, we ask thy blessing
children everywhere.

Thy way be shown, thy will made
known

To them through our Christian teaching.

Give them this day their daily bread
And surround them with love
To feed their deeper hungers,
But deliver them from the evils
That destroy their souls and bodies
And bring in thy kingdom
With its power, and its glory for children. Amen.

—(Alice L. Goddard in
Gospel Messenger)

The Program and Policy Council of the American Lutheran Church at its meeting in July at St. Olaf College approved the request of the AL Board of Parish Education for two additional members to its staff to prepare new study materials for the education programs of congregations to assist in field work. Pastor Norman L. Langholz of Sioux Falls, S. D., accepted the call to be in charge of leadership education.

The Lutheran Free Church in its convention in June approved a plan for cooperation of its Board of Parish Education with the Boards of ALC, ELC, and UELC in parish education.

At the convention in Blair, Nebraska, Pastor Eric Christensen of Omaha was elected to the Board of Parish Education in the place of Pastor James Olsen, whose term expired. Pastor Carl F. Schattauer of Council Bluffs was reelected to the board. Other members of the board are Pastor Soren S. Kaldahl, chairman, of Omaha, Pastor Stanley Larsen, secretary, of Sidney, Montana, and Mrs. M. Ludvigsen of Denver, Colorado. The board usually has its annual meeting the first week in March.

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THE LUTHERAN TEACHER,

A Periodical for Teachers

It's New. In September (1958) we will have our new monthly periodical for teachers and workers in all our various church schools. It will be published as the official magazine for the Departments of Parish Education of the American Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Its Contents. There will be special enrichment materials for the curriculum now in use in the ALC, ELC, and UELC church schools, as it will present suggestions and helps designed for teachers of the American Uniform Series, the Augsburg Closely Graded Series, and the Bible Storytime Series for Nursery and Kindergarten. There will be practical helps for church school superintendents and parish education committees in their work of administration. There will be suggestive materials for Christian Day, Weekday and Vacation Church Schools as well as Sunday Schools.

Its Aims. The Lutheran Teacher is dedicated to the advancement of teaching,—a most important aim of every church school. It aims to help teachers, administrators, and others associated with the teaching program in the church. It will emphasize the practical aspects of the teachers' work, and also present the theories underlying this work. It will help each teacher to become a better teacher in his or her church school.

A teacher may read the Lutheran Teacher for practical helps in presenting the lesson, in relating the lesson to problems of life, and in understanding the pupils in the class. He may see the eye-catching stories, which

will show how others do it and thereby be helped to meet the problems of church school teaching. He will be getting a proper prospective of his job and its importance in the total ministry of the church.

Do This Now. Subscribe to your church's new Lutheran Teacher now. Do this now that you may get the first issue,—the September issue of this our new teachers' periodical. Church schools through your parish committee or treasurer enter your subscriptions that each one of your teachers may have a copy. Fill out the subscription blank right now, and send with it \$1.25 for a year's subscription (\$1.00 if 5 or more copies are mailed to the same address) to the Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebraska.

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Our synod now has six part-time and nine full-time parish workers in the local churches. Thirty-two churches have either a Parish Worker or secretary.

BOYS AND GIRLS: What can you do? September is almost upon us, everyone is talking about going back to school and many of you are completing your enrollments. Why not begin to work to get more people enrolled in your Sunday school?

Some of you have parents who are not going to Sunday school. There are so many other adults who do not study God's Word regularly. Invite them to the adult classes. Then too, you may know boys and girls who do not go to Sunday school. Talk with them. Invite them. Offer to bring them with you.

The first all out step of cooperation among our merging Boards of Parish Education was this year's Vacation Church School series, "God's Holy Law," and the clinics which were conducted last winter throughout our churches to enlighten teachers about this series and to prepare them for teaching it. These clinics were conducted cooperatively on district levels to train leaders to conduct other clinics on local area levels. The districts in which our synod cooperated chiefly were Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and the Pacific. Next year's Vacation Church School series will be based on the Creed. Again similar clinics are being planned to introduce this series and give guidance in the teaching of it. The interest in this year's series, "God's Holy Law," was manifested by the early sellout, forcing the Wartburg Press to hurry to reprint additional supplies. Naturally

the boards are rejoicing in this fine reception and use of this series

Mrs. K. M. Ludvigsen, member of our Board of Parish Education, has again after several years taken the responsibility of editing the Child's Christmas Chimes, which is being sponsored by the Lutheran Publishing House. We are happy she was willing to assume this responsibility together with her many other duties.

This year's theme as selected by the Boards of Parish Education of the National Lutheran Council churches is "Come into our Home, Lord Jesus" which is to serve as this year's Parish Education Month emphasis. A poster has been prepared, which is being sent to every church of our synod, to be placed in our churches or parish halls. Five tracts have also been pre-

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Tribute to a Christian Home

By Julia Anderson

There has never been a time in the memory of most of us when it has seemed so necessary to uphold the real fundamental teachings of Christianity. Can we be just nominal or passive Christians today when we see sin in all its forms of horror having mastery of the world and causing such untold suffering on every hand? It is because I feel that we need to do, each in our small way, anything we can that the forces of righteousness may be strengthened to do their work that I feel led to write of the value of Christian training in the home.

To some of those who knew me in my youth it may seem strange that I should write as I do. But it is some of those very incidents of younger years that have led me in later years to value, above all else, the Christian teaching of my home.

From earliest memories the family altar was established in our home. We were taught the value and power of prayer and were taught to give thanks at every meal.

I can recall when we were children and in bed for the night, that father's and mother's voices could be heard in prayer. We could not always hear what was said, but phrases would come drifting to our ears, phrases of praise and thanksgiving, of asking for guidance, asking for spiritual and material things. Although it did not mean so much to us perhaps as children, that memory has lingered through the years and has been a greater influence than even they perhaps realized. I can recall mother kneeling with us in prayer and asking God to take control of our lives even when we were very young.

When we were still just young women mother passed from this life to her eternal rest. She has remained not only a beautiful memory but a spiritual force in our lives.

For some years I had a "form" of Christianity but no "power," and when the trials of life seemed to almost overwhelm me, I foolishly blamed God and rejected Him completely. Then one day, even as the prodigal, "I came to myself," and decided I could not live without Christ. And as the years have gone by, He has become more and more precious. The many trials have but made me realize how much I need His help, and although there are many things I cannot understand, I feel the urge to trust Him.

Some perhaps would ask what influence brought me to Christ. There was the early Christian training in the home, an influence never quite denied even in my wanderings from God. But I feel the greatest power was my father's earnest and continued prayer. One day, while I was still away from God, my father came to me with tears running down his cheeks, and with his hands turning my face up to his, he looked long and earnestly into my eyes and begged me to accept Christ—but I could not. He turned sadly away, and never spoke of Him again to me even as I had asked him, but I know his prayers became if possible even more earnest. What a glad day for us both when I could tell him I had accepted Christ as my Savior!

My father never tried to hobble through the Christian life with one foot in the church and the other in the world. Often he was thought to be "too strict," but to him, as to Paul, "To me to live is Christ," and he would do nothing,

O Blest the House, What'er Befall

1. O blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is All in all;
Yea, if He were not dwelling there,
How poor and dark and void it were!
2. O blest the house where faith ye find,
And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve Him still,
And do in all His holy will.
3. O blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need,
And weary not of care or cost:
To them and heaven shall none be lost.
4. Blest such a house, it prospers well,
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lot is shown
How richly God can bless His own.
5. Then here will I and mine today
A solemn covenant make and say:
Though all the world forsake Thy Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord.

—C. Winkworth, 1863

however small, that he thought would harm his Christian influence.

When he was called home, one of the pastors paid what feel was the greatest of all tributes to him. He said, "The church has lost its greatest pray-er." He realized what that mighty force prayer was in God's work.

So many people today are giving no thought to spiritual values, and so many of our churches, sad to say, are only having "a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."

If, through prayer, the powers were released that brought even me to Christ (and it took many years), cannot your prayers and mine win our loved ones and the world to Christ? Are we willing to pay the price?

Too often when the years go by and our loved ones are still outside of God's fold, we give up praying, and in sorrow submit as it were to "God's will." (I hate to think what would have become of me if those dear to me had stopped praying.) God's will is that none should perish and His promise, "Ask whatsoever ye will, in my name, and it shall be done," is as true today as ever. Although our loved ones are still without the fold, let us be steadfast in prayer, knowing that by faith mountains can be removed. Hope on and pray, even when the years go by and at times it looks almost hopeless. We know God hears and answers prayers! My father didn't give up; why should I!

A force greatly needed in this sin-sick world today is the Christian home. "Homes where the Bible is honored and taught," homes where "prayers as incense" are continually ascending to the Throne of Grace.

God bless our Christian homes!

—Lutheran Herald

Rebuild Those Family Altars

There are too few family altars! That indicates a decline in home religion! A decline in home religion means a decline in the spirituality of the church; a decline in the spirituality of the church means a lowered moral tone in society; a lowered moral tone in society means the rising of paganism.

More than a year ago the editor of a religious paper representing a group that emphasizes the spiritual life, declared that a survey of young people ranging from four- to twenty-four revealed that although 87 per cent of them were church members, 75 per cent of the church members did not have a regular time for private devotions. What effect will this have upon the doctrines and conduct of the churches tomorrow? How great a contribution can a weak, prayerless, unspiritual member make to a church? Can one who has no regular devotional habits be a true Christian?

Not even worse, 38 per cent of these young people said they seldom read the Bible or prayed. If we take for granted that 25 per cent of them were not church members, 38 per cent shows that if all of the non-members said they seldom read the Bible and prayed, there still were 13 per cent of the church members who seldom read or prayed. Even more distressing to those who are concerned about the development of strong spiritual character among the church members was the fact that 75 per cent of the young people questioned revealed that "family devotion was not practiced in their homes."

We can lament the juvenile delinquency trend, and we can fervently discuss what ought to be done to check the spread of immorality that is sweeping the land, but the imperative is to rebuild those family altars. Until this is done we cannot hope for a revival of religion to revitalize our churches. The revival will not come to the church until the church members rebuild their family altars and rekindle their devotional fervor that the children see in their parents' daily practices that which makes religion real, attractive and imperative.

We may conduct campaigns, we may spend thousands of dollars for "other evangelistic help," we may change methods and pastors—and yet continue to die! We can attribute the situation to the upset conditions that prevailed during the war. We may say that both economic and social conditions have changed. That is true. But that is no excuse for neglecting the family altar.

Tears flowing from the parents' eyes at the family altar do not accomplish far more toward winning lost children to Christ than tears wept at a church altar because the family altar was allowed to fall into disuse and decay.

The editor who released the statistics cited that 87 per cent of the young people stated it as their opinion that generally young folk make their decisions concerning their vocations "without taking into consideration the possibility that God may have a plan for their lives."

That accounts for the comparative scarcity of candidates for the ministry and the mission fields. That accounts for the rising tide of secularism and materialism that is sweeping many off their feet. That accounts for the lack of pioneer spirit. That accounts for the uncertainty and instability which abound with respect to spiritual values.

The harm done by mistakes of the past may not be fully repaired, but it is great folly to allow the family altars of church members to lie in decay. We must look ahead. We must start the recovery program at once if we are to save the next generation from greater sorrows and losses.

—Wesleyan Methodist



THE WEEK AT DANA

your midcontinent college

When the U.E.L.C. Convention came to Blair this summer, it brought many old friends back to Dana's campus. Among them were Trinity Seminary professor Dr. Paul Nyholm and Mr. and Mrs. Peder Mickelsen. Since all three of these people were born in Denmark, it was only natural that they were interested in seeing the progress made by the Beech trees given to Dana by the city of Odense, Denmark.

Although many of the students currently studying at Dana are not of Danish descent, the college, the seminary and the church were founded by Danish pioneers. It is with a great deal of pride that we, even those of us who are not Danes, remember our heritage. It is the feeling of this writer that friendships between countries, such as the one the Beech trees on our campus represent, are just as important to world peace as government loans and the arms race. All too often we forget that we are all one nation under God.

We at Dana feel that understanding and developing an interest in cultures other than our own is the duty of each of us to ourselves, our country, and most important, to our God and Maker.

This fall, a program will be held on our campus for the specific purpose of learning more about yet another culture, one that is and has been in our midst for many years. Our Danish Folk Dancers will meet with the Indian dancers of the Omaha Indian Tribe of Macy, Nebraska for a joint program. Folk dances, folk music and Christian fellowship will be shared by three cultures, our own precious American culture, the Danish culture which we have inherited and the American Indian culture of the past and present.



During U.E.L.C. Convention, (left to right) Dr. Paul Nyholm, Dr. C. C. Madsen, Mr. and Mrs. Peder Mickelsen examine Beech tree on Dana campus.

A memorial has been started in the Dana Development Program for the late Dr. Ethan Mengers. Dr. Mengers, who was called Home on June 7, 1958, was a member of the Trinity Seminary faculty for 12 years. For 20 years preceding his appointment to the seminary, Dr. Mengers served the Lord as a parish pastor. Dr. Mengers will long be remembered by all who knew him.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

A FEW HARD TIMES

By Doris Welch Robbins

Across the road, over the stile, and beyond the corn patch stands our parsonage. Two of its rooms are occupied by Mrs. Robbins, a Cherokee gentlewoman who is better known to the community by the endearing title of "Granny Robbins."

Granny Robbins has a sweet, wrinkled face, out of which twinkles a pair of keen black eyes, still strong enough to guide her busy fingers in the making of countless bits of fancy work. Her straight, slender form, while rather feeble and frail, is yet unbowed by the weight of her eighty-three years. The experiences Granny has had, and the hardships she has endured would afford ample material for a book—indeed, the story of her life can almost be traced in the lines of her face, for it bears the record of many hardships, overlaid with the blessed peace which comes only to those whose strength is in Christ.

I spent an enjoyable hour with Granny one morning, and I would like to tell others about it.

Granny's cheery "Ho'ddy" greeted me as I stepped into her simple living room. Our talk drifted from one topic to another, and finally reached the one that is always interesting,—stories of pioneer times in Oklahoma. At this point, I settled myself to listen, and Granny did the talking. I wish I could tell these incidents, just as I heard them, in the soft southern drawl, and simple dramatic speech so characteristic of the Cherokees.

"Things is lo-ots different now," said Granny, as she began to dry her little stack of dishes. "Seems plum curious to go over yonder to the old place where I was done raised. Pap was toler'ble well fixed. He had a big, old house yonder in the mountains. Hit was built of hewed pine logs. We had right smart of cattle too, and a wagon. The Barnesfork River ran across our corn patch. Down below the house was a big bluff. Woods was everywhere—them days."

As I listened to the soft old voice, picture after picture flashed through my mind, until it seemed as if I too, could see the sturdy log cabin, nestling among Ozark hills, the free sweep of the forest, and the silver gleam of the Barnesfork as it glided away through trees.

"Yes," continued Granny, "we-uns had easy times in war times came, and the No'th and South was fighting. Pap ran off and joined the No'th, and my step-mother and I were left alone with the children. We had a hard word ha-rd to make a living. Then my step-mother ran off too,—just left us chilluns alone. We-uns didn't have any kin folks. There was a leetle baby for me to take care of, and I was just fifteen."

Granny paused for a moment, while she wiped her little table. Then she settled down in her old rocking chair and went on:

"The woods were full of ba-ad bushwhackers as we-uns called 'em. They made a heap o' trouble, coming to our houses and taking everything we'd have. Brother hid everything to eat down in the bluff, so we had to have to pack a little up to the house at the time. We even hid our feather bed under the floor when we were away. One night we came home,—Oo'o— Whee,—fears everywhere. The bushwhackers had done found our bed and emptied all the feathers. Reckon as they wanted the ticking for shirts."

"I were the biggest so I had to get all our wood, to I hitched up the steers to the wagon. (We-uns didn't have horses.) Brother came along to help hold the reins on the steers while I rustled a load of wood. Ye-sure could chop right smart them days. Reckon I was practicing a lot."

"It was most skeery when the sojers came around lookin' for Pap. First thing we'd know they'd thru the door open and stick all them big guns in at us to tell you, we be's scart. I don't guess you all ever had a big rod gun p'inted at you. Sometimes we'd wake up and see 'em sneaking 'round lightin' matches to see if any man was home. Onct one sojer tried to drop a gun on my head. I did my head this-a-way," (jerked her head to one side), "and it hit my shoulder. Th-

guns was heavy," said Granny plaintively, and she bed her shoulder as if she still felt the pain of that hardly blow. "That shoulder has never been right e."

Then one day the No'thern sojers came marchin' on the draw and camped a little piece down the river. A woman folks round about had pulled right smart of n and put it in our crib. We asked the captain not take our corn, and he done 'lowed he'd put a guard and it. We could hear them laughing and talking and popin', and see their campfires that night. When mning come, we didn't have any grain of corn in our , or rail to our fence. Our winter's grub fed their es and our rails made their fires.

We-uns sho' done liked to starved if an old slave nan, who had done paid herself out, hadn't he'ped Every week she gave us some shorts and we'd get a mess of taters. It was all we had, but got along

We sho' did have ha-rd times," said Granny, "but ns like we jist worked and worked and managed ehow. Sometimes it 'pears like a dream, but when t to studyin' about it, there are some things I never et."

t this point the clock warned me it was time to go, you may be sure that Granny's cordial "you all

must come back again" is an invitation which I shall not fail to accept. Oklahoma history is an exciting story at all times, but when it is given in the light of personal experience it becomes doubly interesting and gives us a still warmer regard for our Cherokee friends at Oaks.

(The above was written about Granny Robbins who was a faithful member of our Oaks Mission for many years. She always had her place in Sunday School and worship. She loved her Saviour and her church. She passed away in 1931.

Mrs. Robbins, who wrote the sketch, was a teacher at our Mission School in 1928 at the time she wrote it for her home church parish paper in Cushing, Wisconsin. After leaving Oaks she married Bill Robbins, a grandson of Gran-ny. They now live in Grover, Colorado.)

The Point of No Return

By T/Sgt. Harold C. Hirschert

It was a beautiful Sunday morning and our base chaplain was delivering his sermon. I was very interested this Sunday as I heard him begin: "During the week I had a nice long talk with one of our sergeants on the base. He is a flight engineer on one of our C-124 Globemasters and he was telling me a lot of little details about his job and plane, such as, when the plane is fully loaded it weighs about 175,000 pounds and on take-off he has control over a total output of 14,000 horse power. And he explained how the job of actually flying this giant is divided between pilot, co-pilot and engineer and how each depends upon the other. But, what perhaps interested me most was when he said, "Chaplain, there is one part of our flying that if I were a minister I think I could preach a sermon about." I asked him what that was, and he said, "As we near the halfway point that is officially known as the EDP or Equal Distance Point, we have to check our fuel, oil and weather ahead to decide whether to go on or to turn back. Actually we call it the Point of no return, as once you have passed it there is no going back because we don't carry fuel enough to make it. And when you think of it, Chaplain, life is much the same. We start out for some place or goal all the time and there is a point somewhere along the way where we can turn back and no damage is done. But once we have gone past the point of no return we are committed to an act. Maybe we will help someone or hurt them, but it is more apt to help or hurt ourselves, and we should look ahead before we reach this point of no return."

The chaplain continued, "As the sergeant was talking I was thinking about what he had said about the point of no return, and I told him "Sarg, you stick to flying and leave the preaching to me. I'm going to use your idea for Sunday's service!"

As the chaplain continued his service I felt very proud and happy. Yes, I was the sergeant!

—(Reprinted from A MIGHTY FORTRESS

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BY THE FIRESIDE

ANSWERED

I asked the Lord that I might patient
be,

He sent me tribulation long and
much;

It worked sweet patience as from self-
will free,

I yielded to His touch.

I asked the Lord that He my heart
would fill

With His own fullness, and He emp-
tied me

Of earthly things, of many treasures,
till

My heart for Him was free.

I asked the Lord for sweet humility,
He humbled me in dust, He brought
me low,

Lower and lower—"Tis this way,"
said He,

"My meeknes thou can'st know."

"Lord, give me sympathy"—I learned
to pray,

"That I may sympathize in others'
woes";

He let me suffer—for 'tis in this way
Our sympathy o'erflows.

I asked the Lord to make me keen
in prayer,

He showed me all my great and
mighty need,

And that of others, which I sought to
share;

Ah, then I prayed indeed.

I asked the Lord for HIM, I much
might do

To win Him many a soul, 'twas this
I sought;

He disciplined me, taught me, used
me too,—

Not just the way I thought.

—Author Unknown

FACING THE STORM

It takes a Highland shepherd to tell
off a prime minister of Great Britain.

Gladstone was on a holiday in Scot-
land, walking along a country lane,
when a storm came up. The snow be-
gan to fall and the wind howled. As
he walked along he noticed the sheep
coming up out of the hollows and
from underneath the trees, going out
to stand on the bare hillside facing
the storm.

A little later he met the old shep-
herd and said to him, "Sheep are fool-
ish animals. Here is a storm pending,
and instead of remaining in shelter
they are courting the fury of the blast.
If I were a sheep, I should remain in
the hollow."

The shepherd replied, "Sir, if ye
were a sheep, ye'd have mair sense."

He pointed out that down in the
hollows the drifts came, and death.
Instinctively the sheep knew that
their only safety was on the hills, fac-
ing the storm.

—The Free Methodist

JUST USE ME

I am the Bible. I am God's wonder-
ful library. I am always and above
all the truth.

To the weary pilgrim I am a good,
strong staff. To the one who sits in
black gloom I am glorious light. To
those who stoop beneath heavy bur-
dens I am sweet rest. To him who
has lost his way I am a safe guide.
To those who have been hurt by sin

I am healing balm. To the discourag-
ed I whisper a glad mesage of hope.
To those who are distressed by the
storms of life I am an anchor, sure
and steadfast. To those who suffer in
lonely solitude I am a cool, soft hand
resting upon a fevered brow.

Oh, child of man, to best defend
me, just use me.

—Triumphs of Faith

THE MODEL MISSIONARY

"It is something to be a missionary.
The morning stars sang together, and
all the sons of God shouted for joy
when they saw the field which the
first missionary was to fill. The great
and loving God, before whom angels
veil their faces, had an only Son, and
He was sent to earth as a missionary
physician.

"It is something to be a follower,
however feeble, in the wake of the
great Teacher and only model mission-
ary that ever appeared among men,
and now that He is Head over all
things, King of kings and Lord of
lords, what commission is equal to
that which the missionary holds from
Him? May I venture to invite young
men of education, when laying down
the plan of their lives, to take a glance
at that of a missionary? For my own
part, I never cease to rejoice that God
has appointed me to such an office."

—David Livingstone

LEADERS

They stand, the leaders of each age
Like lofty peaks illumed with light
To guide men upward till they see
And grasp the vast expanse of right

These genius souls, inspired are led
By God's eternal mind to go
Past every barrier and rise
The pinnacle of truth to know.

God reaches out to every land
To every race and class and creed
Calling his chosen ones to come
And follow as his cause has need

They are the voices of all time,
The index of the age to be
When men shall live in brotherhood
And reach the goal of liberty.

—Della Adams Leitner

REBUKE TO PRIDE

The life and death of our Lord Jesus
Christ is a standing rebuke to every
form of pride to which men are liable
Pride of birth and rank—"Is not this
the carpenter's son?"

Pride of wealth—"The Son of man
hath not where to lay his head."

Pride of respectability—"Can any
good thing come out of Nazareth?"

Pride of personal appearance—"He
hath no form nor comeliness."

Pride of reputation—"A friend
of publicans and sinners."

Pride of learning—"How knowest
this man letters, having never learned?"

Pride of superiority—"I am among
you as he that serveth."

Pride of success—"He was despised
and rejected of men."

Pride of ability—"I can of mine own
self do nothing."

Pride of self-will—"I seek not mine
own will, but the will of the Father
which hath sent me."

Pride of intellect—"As my Father
hath taught me, I speak these things."

Pride in death—"He became obedi-
ent unto death, even the death of the
cross."

—War Cry (Toronto)

"Are you an actress, Auntie?"

"No, darling, why do you ask?"

"Because Daddy said when you came
we'd have a scene."

Money talks all right. But in the
days a dollar doesn't have enough
cents to say anything worthwhile.

"You know, politicians don't have
it so easy."

"Why not?"

"You try straddling a fence and
keeping both ears to the ground."

New Daily Devotions For Children

"Can you think of ways in which a ride in an airplane like traveling with Jesus?" is the opening of the first edition in **My Devotions**, a monthly booklet series for children.

"First of all, an airplane takes people up off the ground and into a cleaner air," continues the material for 8 to 12-year-old boys and girls. "When you're in a plane and look down, you can see the dirt in the air close to the ground. But way above the clouds, where the big ships fly, the air is bright and fresh and beautiful. And like an airplane, Jesus takes a person's spirit off the ground and up into bright fresh air, far above the spaces that are full of the dust of sin."

Dr. Allan H. Jahsmann, the author, knows how to reach children and apply God's Word to their daily life. The new devotional series ought to outpull the average stories and "comics" that may come into a home. **My Devotions** connects the growing generation with God.

Largely because of the success of his book **Little Visits with God**, now in its third reprinting, Dr. Jahsmann was commissioned to write the first issue of **My Devotions** for October, 1958. He will edit subsequent monthly numbers. Continuing with the plane figure in the October 1 reading of **My Devotions**, Dr. Jahsmann used the airliner to relate the child's life to "Captain Jesus."

A passenger on a large plane can turn the air outlet to direct the air right where he wants it. "And for our hearts and spirit, Jesus has given us the Bible," the reading points out. "Whenever a person wants fresh air for his spirit, the Bible is the book to turn to . . . The love of God will always refresh him."

Just as a call button on an airliner summons a friendly stewardess who comes to serve a traveler, so "Christians who ride high with Jesus need only to push the button of prayer, and a beautiful angel comes to serve them. Like stewardesses, angels always travel along on the airlines of Jesus and make life pleasant for His passengers."

The "seat belts" of Jesus are God's Law or Commandments to help keep a person safe. "So whenever your Captain Jesus flashes on the 'fasten your seat belt' sign, it's

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Author Dr. Jahsmann listens as three little friends read from the first edition of "My Devotions."

God's Word

is

for me and mine

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Every day I will let Him speak to me and mine.

With God's help I will have regular Family Worship and obey in my life what I read in His Word.

"Let the Light of Thy Word ever shine within our homes."

It Takes Three to Make a Home

A letter from a young woman to her pastor.

Sunday——was unable to attend church with me, and it seemed strange and lonesome to be alone. However, it made more emphatic that which we felt as we reviewed our life together on our recent anniversary: That we go to church not because it is expected of us, but rather because it is as necessary to our marriage as food is to the body.

Each Sunday there has been a lesson taught in Christian living: we have applied it not only in a spiritual way, but in our living with each other and our families. How beautifully it has worked; how practical and simple! Yet, without it, perhaps we would have failed; that is how necessary your lessons and church are to us. So, as we appear each week, it is not that it is "the nice thing," but is the only thing—our "Marriage Insurance."

This is all fine, but we have learned another big secret; only as we give of what we get do we have capacity to receive more. This is our "policy premium," and the dividends are contentment.

We went two years before we married without attending church, so we had gotten out of a childhood practice, but we were not married a month when we discovered something lacking.

We had a partnership set-up all right, but there were only two, we needed a Third. How foolish to think we voted him in; no, he came and took over operations. How can we lose?

I caught myself singing an old chorus to the baby the other day:

"Christ is the answer to my every need,
Christ is the answer, he is my Friend indeed,
Problems of life my Spirit may assail.
Through Christ, my Saviour, I can never fail,
For Christ is the answer to my need."

We have a long way to go; we do not expect that life will be any easier or kinder to us than to millions of others, but we want to be "in condition" to fight and worthy of winning.

—From a church bulletin

	Fiscal Yr. Calendar 1958	
	Total	Synodical
Budget		
Forward Prase		
Previously acknowledged	\$55694.33	\$38977.64
Pasadena, Calif., Bethany Luth. S. S. for Sudan Mission \$30; South America Mission \$30	60.00	60.00
San Francisco, Calif., Ansgar Luth. Church	192.85	192.85
Atlantic, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	1500.00	1500.00
Albert Lea, Minn., Trinity Lutheran Church in memory of Anton Jensen for Santal Mission \$10.50; for General Fund \$1,000.00; for Japan Mission \$2; from Confirmation League for Japan Mission \$17.27; from Home Mission Circle for Home Mission \$50; from "a Friend" for Children's Homes \$100	1179.77	1179.77
McCabe, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Church given by Mr. and Mrs. Christ Paulsen in memory of Mrs. Jorgen Smith for Foreign Missions	5.00	5.00
Beresford, S. D., St. Paul Luth. Ladies Aid in memory of Nels Lund, Mohall, N. D., for Home Mission	3.00	3.00
Milltown, Wis., Milltown Luth. Church for Synodical Quota and Foreign Missions	200.00	200.00
Milltown Luther League for Synodical Quota and Foreign Missions	60.00	60.00
Milltown Luther League for LWA	25.00	25.00
Neenah, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church	30.00	30.00
Racine, Wis., Gethsemane Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	700.00	700.00
Gethsemane Luth. S. S. for Santal Mission	20.00	20.00
Gethsemane Women's Missionary Society for Sudan Mission	45.00	45.00
Oakland, Calif., Mrs. E. L. Smith in memory of Mr. Carl Hansen, Petaluma, Calif., for Japan Mission	3.00	3.00
Aurora, Colo., St. Mark's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$250, Foreign Missions \$60, LWA \$25	335.00	310.00
McNabb, Ill., McNabb Luth. Church, Synodical Quota	100.00	100.00
Geneva, Minn., Community Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	200.00	200.00
Blair, Nebraska, Mrs. Christine Eskelsen in memory of her husband, Martin Eskelsen for Japan Mission \$5, School Fund \$5	10.00	10.00
Flaxton, N. D., United Luth. Church. Given by Pastor and Mrs. Virgil Anderson in memory of Dr. Ethan Mengers for Dana College \$3; in memory of Sandra Van Hunnik, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Gerrit Van Hunnik, Fargo, for Children's Homes \$2	5.00	5.00
Eugene, Ore., Emmaus Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	75.00	75.00
Poy Sippi, Wis., First Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	100.00	100.00
Racine, Wis., Danish Mission Circle for Home Missions	10.00	10.00
Red Deer, Alta., Canada, Trinity Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$75, for Japan Mission \$17.05	92.05	92.05
Neola, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church for Santal Mission	7.35	7.35
Elba, Nebr., Elba Luth. Ladies Aid for Children's Homes	10.00	10.00
Racine, Wis., Emmaus Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	500.00	500.00
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	400.00	400.00
Atonement Luth. S. S. for Munshi Tudu Account, Santal Mission	35.00	35.00
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church. Given by Thomas L. Christensen in memory of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Lange for School Fund \$25, Foreign Mission \$75	100.00	100.00
Humboldt, Ia., Trinity Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	100.00	100.00
Kimballton, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	100.00	100.00
Moorhead, Ia., Bethesda Luth. S. S. for South America Mission	8.00	8.00
Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Nina Andersen in memory of Mr. Jim Hansen, Reedley, Calif., for S.A. Miss.	5.00	5.00
Boston, Mass., Bethany Luth. Church. Given by Mrs. Larsen, Anna and Walter Larsen in memory of Mrs. Nicoline Rasmussen for L.W.A.	10.00	10.00
Kenosha, Wis., St. Mary Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	650.00	650.00
Selma, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nielsen in memory of Walter Hansen for Home Missions	2.00	2.00
Aurora, Colo., Altura Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	134.34	134.34
Royal, Ia., Bethlehem Luth. Church for LWA	444.40	444.40
Oyens, Ia., Gethsemane Luth. S. S. for School Fund	25.00	25.00
Underwood, Ia., Underwood Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	249.71	249.71
Glidden, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christensen, Scranton, for Santal Mission	10.00	10.00
Sleepy Eye, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church. Given by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nielsen for Santal Miss.	10.00	10.00
Mohall, N. D., Friends and relatives in memory of Nels Lund for Home Missions \$30, for Sudan Mission \$25	55.00	55.00
Brooklyn, Wis., Brooklyn Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	300.00	300.00
Irene, S. D., Turkey Valley Luth. Church for Pension Fund	50.00	50.00
Racine, Wis., Rev. E. R. Andersen for Sudan Mission	50.00	50.00
St. Peter's Luth. Church, Shennington, Wis., for Synodical Quota \$100	100.00	100.00
Offering for Sudan Mission when Donald Wahlgren spoke	17.92	17.92
West Canada District Treasurer, Standard, Alta., Can.: Bethany Luth. Church, Tilley, for Foreign Mission	100.00	100.00
Mrs. Ruth Norre, Tilley, Jewish Mission \$10 and S. Am. Mission \$10	10.00	10.00
Nazareth Luth. Church, Standard, for Japan Mission	83.50	83.50
Note: Contribution from St. Mark's Luth. Church, Aurora, Colo., of \$380.85 was previously credited to the General Fund. It should have been \$60 for Foreign Miss., \$25 for LWA and \$295.85 on Bldg. Fund Loan	-295.85	-320.85
A contribution of \$25 from Milltown Ladies Aid, Milltown, Wis., credited to General Fund should have been Foreign Missions		
TOTALS	\$63816.37	\$46447.43

\$17468

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, August 9, 1958.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer

PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION ASKS MEMBERS BAN OFFENSIVE LITERATURE

The California Pharmaceutical Association has urged its members to ban from their drug stores literature which may be "detrimental to the mental health of the public."

"Preservation of a clean and healthy mind is greatly threatened," the association said, "particularly in regards to the young people of our State, by the appearance of printed matters for sale which depict, condone and even glorify crime, lust and deviation."

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NEW DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR CHILDREN

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to follow the instructions . . . He's the best Pilot anyone could have."

short prayer ties in with the reading, the Bible passage, the life of the little worshipper.

ets, popcorn, gifts, sports, missions, history, fairy-story, and other subjects close to the hearts and "likes" of children and lassies are woven into the profusely illustrated things that point toward the Triune God.

sketch in full color of a boy and girl playing with autumn leaves enhances the beauty of the October cover. Children who are too young to read will enjoy looking at many and well-chosen illustrations, so will older brothers and sisters, as well as parents. All topics, prayers, hymns, and suggestions in *My Devotions* tie in with the child's life and spiritual experiences of the child—and he has a part of them.

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ed to speak about the importance of Christian training in the home. It suggested that church schools order books from our publishing house to have them distributed in every home in the church,—a fine missionary effort for each Sunday school.

Several rather careful statements of the best objectives and goals for church schools have been worked out, as Wesley Shrader said, "The difficulty is that so many of our Sunday schools do not even begin to live to these ideals."

The very limited amount of time that many of our Lutheran people are willing to spend on parish education, even on Sunday morning, is quite a clear indication that their understanding of its importance is exceedingly limited.

In tens of thousands of our homes, church members have not yet become a part of the church school and thus the church has not become the heart of the religious education program as it should be.

None of the bodies making up TALC has a consistent, detailed program working the vast field of Christian life and family living, while other Lutheran bodies, including ULCA and especially the Missouri Synod, have worked extensively in this field.

The three immediately preceding years, thought-provoking and challenging, are among the fifteen theses on Lutheran Parish Education prepared by Dr. A. C. Streng, Chairman of the Board of Parish Education of the American Lutheran Church. They point out the need for increased work and getting for this basic activity in building God's Kingdom.

any indifference prevents God from giving to me and mine divine help; —

If a parent wishes to secure a sample copy of *My Devotions*, Concordia Publishing House will be happy to send a copy free of charge. As the child reads that booklet, the parent will soon be persuaded to send for a year's subscription at \$1.50, because the child won't want to "miss a day."

Youngsters who have used *Little Visits With God* have looked forward with eager anticipation to reading more and more of their own devotional literature. They like it; it's their kind of spiritual meat, dessert, candy, ice cream; it's their language, their own world, their own fashion, their own heart-throbs, their personal communication with the tender Shepherd, who loves the little ones and smooths away their cares with His gentle, guiding hand.

Churches and Sunday schools may order at these quantity rates: 12 copies of *My Devotions* to one address, 11½ cents per copy; 25 copies to one address, 11 cents per copy; 50 copies or more to one address, 10 cents per copy.

*If my negligence closes our home to
His wise love and care; —*

*If I deny God His right to direct us in
His way, day by day; —*

WHAT EXCUSES DARE I
GIVE TO GOD?

NEWS AND NOTES
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ed in a collection of more than 15,600 lbs. of used clothing. Judging by the early results, Mr. Monk thought that CLWR would probably ship more used clothing in 1958 than it has in recent years.

Arrangements have been completed to ship 120,000 lbs. of dry skim milk to the Middle East and plans are underway to make a similar shipment to Poland.

25 Percent Flunked out of the 422 students who wrote their final exams at Waterloo College, Waterloo, Ont., Canada this spring. 75% or 329 passed, reports Pastor Robert B. Langen, Philosophy Professor at the college. Some students (8%) were asked to repeat the year, and others (17%) encouraged to choose other occupa-

tions. This seems to be a college with a real purpose.

This issue is compiled and edited by Mrs. K. M. Ludvigsen. Its purpose is to stress parish education. In two weeks the congregations are getting into full swing on the parish education front. This issue is planned as a help.

More News for the churches will appear next week. We are making our trip to West Canada a vacation trip.

In Church Every Sunday Through
Fifty Years

A man who was confirmed 60 years ago in a little German Lutheran village church has sent a gift to the church of 31.38 D-mark with the remark that this is an extra gift for the 3148 Sundays he has been in church since his confirmation and listened to the Word of God. When he was confirmed he made God the promise that he would never forget the services in the church, and during 50 years he had been present every Sunday.

NEW ADDRESS: Pastor H. M. Hansen, 4059 Somerset Avenue, Castro Valley, California.

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For last expenses (Experts say you should allow about half of your present annual income.) \$ _____

For monthly income (Your family probably could get along on about half what you are now making each year. Multiply this figure by the number of years you want to provide the income.) \$ _____

To pay off mortgage \$ _____

For emergency fund (This will vary widely, but most financial advisors feel a family should have at least \$500.) \$ _____

To educate children (This depends on the college, and where you live, but you probably should figure approximately \$1000 per year, per student.) \$ _____

TOTAL NEEDED \$ _____

How do their needs compare with your present coverage?

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Present life insurance \$ _____

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